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DELIVER TO AMB. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR JERUSALEM 9-29 A.M.

E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY SEPTEMBER 29

TAGS: US, IS, MARR

SUBJECT:CAMP DAVID SIDE LETTER: AIR BASES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF BROWN-WEIZMAN LETTER ON AIRBASES. LETTER DELIVERED TO ISRAELI EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 28.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

SEPTEMBER 28, 1978

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH CARRYING OUT THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT CAMP DAVID, ISRAEL INTENDS TO BUILD TWO MILITARY AIRBASES AT APPROPRIATE SITES IN THE NEGEV TO REPLACE THE AIRBASES AT EITAM AND ETZION WHICH

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WILL BE EVACUATED BY ISRAEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PEACE TREATY TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE SPECIAL URGENCY AND PRIORITY WHICH ISRAEL ATTACHES TO PREPARING THE NEW BASES IN LIGHT OF ITS CONVICTION THAT IT CANNOT SAFELY LEAVE THE SINAI AIRBASES UNTIL THE NEW ONES ARE OPERATIONAL.

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I SUGGEST THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONSULT ON THE SCOPE

AND COSTS OF THE TWO NEW AIRBASES AS WELL AS ON RELATED FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WHICH THE UNITED STATES MIGHT APPROPRIATELY PROVIDE IN LIGHT OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY BE PRESENTED BY CARRYING OUT SUCH A PROJECT ON AN URGENT BASIS. THE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO SEEK THE NECESSARY CONGRESSIONAL APPROVALS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE AGREED UPON BY THE U.S. SIDE AS A RESULT OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

HAROLD BROWN. END TEXT.

3. WE DO NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF LETTER UNTIL WEIZMAN HAS SEEN IT AND INDICATES HE HAS NO OBJECTION TO OUR MAKING IT PUBLIC. PLEASE DELIVER TEXT TO WEIZMAN AND LET US KNOW HIS REACTION. ORIGINAL OF LETTER WILL BE COMING TO HIM VIA ISRAELI EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.
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